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Special Exhibit for Children at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

An exhibit of interactive displays and kid sized exhibits entitled “Pack Your Wagon: Critters, Costumes & Curiosity” will open February 1st and run through June 8th at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon.

The exhibit was designed with younger visitors and school students in mind, but will appeal to visitors of all ages. The interactive elements include a giant magnetic map of the Oregon Trail, a puppet theater, a wildlife memory game, and an animal track rubber stamping activity. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a full scale “Pack Your Wagon” display in which youngsters can practice the decision making skills Oregon Trail pioneers needed to plan for their long journey over the prairies to the west. All the activities are designed to enhance curriculum goals of school history classes, but incorporate a fun, interactive approach to learning about history and nature. Some of the activities are suitable for preschoolers.

The exhibit was funded through a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, matched with donations from Trail Tenders and funds from Bureau of Land Management. Staff interpreters are available to help educators or group tours customize their visit to the exhibit with a guided activity. To book a special group tour of the exhibit, please call the Interpretive Center at least 48 hours ahead of your visit.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from Interstate 84. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For more information call (541) 523-1843 or visit the web at oregontrail.blm.gov. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management and is a Federal fee site. Admission for adults is \$5.00 and seniors are \$3.50. Free fee days are offered monthly. Federal passes are accepted.

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